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TAGS: PINS, BU (COLLINS, EMILIA MATEEVA)

SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES - COLLINS CASE

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1. I OWE YOU AN ANSWER TO LAST SENTENCE REFTEL. REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH ZHIVKOV MARCH 2 BY TELECON WITH DR. BORIS DZHIBROV, WHO COMBINES FUNCTIONS OF MFA PROTOCOL CHIEF AND "GOVERNMENT" PROTOCOL CHIEF. ASKED HIM WHETHER HE WISHED TO HAVE A NOTE, AND HE SAID NONE WOULD BE NECESSARY AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT TIME WOULD BE FOUND FOR THE DESIRED MEETING. MY OWN ASSESSMENT IS THAT THERE IS A FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE OF SEEING ZHIVKOV BEFORE THE PARTY CONGRESS.

2. AT ANY RATE, IF THE QUESTION WAS RAISED BECAUSE OF RELUCTANCE TO TAKE THE COLLINS CASE UP PRIOR TO ANY INTERVIEW I MAY BE HAVING WITH THE CHIEF OF STATE HERE, I THINK THERE IS NO GOOD REASON FOR SUCH RELUCTANCE. IT WOULD NOT CUT ACROSS MY OWN EFFORTS TO HAVE DEPT RAISE THE SAME MATTER WITH POPOV PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR SOFIA.
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